

As Introduced

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S. R. No. 341

Senator Schaffer

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Denison University women’s basketball 1
team on securing the 2026 NCAA Division III 2
Championship. 3

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly 4
of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to the Denison 5
University women’s basketball team as the 2026 National Collegiate 6
Athletic Association Division III Champion; and 7

WHEREAS, The Denison University women’s basketball team is 8
comprised of excellent athletes who collectively worked to showcase 9
the talents of their exceptional squad. The Big Red trained 10
diligently, combining stamina, drive, and dedication, and as a result, 11
they were victorious over the University of Scranton with a final 12
score of 55-41 to win this year’s NCAA Division III Championship, the 13
program’s first such title, and finish the season with an impressive 14
30-2 record. Time and again, they have risen to the occasion, amply 15
demonstrating their unflagging determination, and their impressive 16
maturity and finesse have gained them widespread respect, even among 17
their most daunting rivals. They are certainly deserving of this 18
crown; and 19

WHEREAS, This triumph reflects the staunch resolve of these young 20
women, and it signifies the acquisition of valuable experience that is 21
sure to benefit them in later life. Thanks in part to the tireless 22
efforts of their exemplary head coach, Maureen Hirt, and her 23
assistants, the members of the Denison University women’s basketball 24
team have met the demands of an extensive training regimen, and it has 25
paid handsome dividends; and 26

WHEREAS, The players of the Denison University women’s basketball 27

team have set themselves apart as a fine example of what a dedicated 28
group of athletes can achieve when guided by a committed coaching 29
staff and surrounded by loyal fans and sports families. Throughout the 30
season, the Big Red have developed into a group of dynamic leaders, 31
and they can rest assured that as they meet challenges, they will take 32
with them the lessons of camaraderie, hard work, and discipline; 33
therefore be it 34

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General 35
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud the Denison 36
University women's basketball team for its brilliant 2025-2026 season 37
and wish its members and coaches continued success in all of their 38
future endeavors; and be it further 39

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 40
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Denison University 41
women's basketball team. 42